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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Shunichi MATSUSHITA, et al.

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ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

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FOR: OPTICAL SIGNAL AMPLIFIER

**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated November 17, 2003, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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